

Virginia Emergency Operations Center (VEOC)

Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM)

Virginia Emergency Response Team (VERT)

October 2006 Flooding Event

SITUATION REPORT # 8

As of 1400 hours 16 October 2006

WEATHER

Today: Partly cloudy with highs in the lower 60's. East winds around 5 mph. **Tonight:** 40% chance of rain with lows in the high 40's. East winds around 5 mph. **Tuesday:** 90% chance of precipitation with highs in the low 60's. Southeast winds of 5 to 10 mph. **Tuesday Night:** 90% chance of precipitation with highs in the mid to upper 50's. Southeast winds of 7 to 10 mph. **Wednesday:** 50% chance of showers before noon with highs in the mid 70's. North winds around 6 mph.

EXECUTIVE ACTION

EOC Activation: Virginia Emergency Operations Center augmented with limited staff. Continue to coordinate resource requests from localities. Monitoring local situations and National Weather Service forecast and advisories and notifying appropriate localities.

State of Emergency: At 1540 hours on 9 October Governor Timothy Kaine declared a State of Emergency due to storms and flooding in Central and Southeast Virginia.

Protective Actions:

EOC Activations:

- Isle of Wight County, open from 0700 to 2300 hours
- City of Franklin, opened at 0400 hours, 9 October

Local Emergency Declared:

- Surry County: 7 October
- Sussex County: 7 October
- Isle of Wight County: 7 October
- James City County: 7 October
- Southampton County: 9 October
- City of Franklin: 9 October

Evacuations:

- Sussex County – 45 people evacuated.
- Isle of Wight County – 40 people evacuated.
- James City County – 25 people evacuated.
- City of Franklin – 200 people evacuated. 6 families (23 people) are being housed in hotels.
- Southampton County- 45 evacuated.

OPERATIONS SECTIONS

State Warning Point: Monitoring National Weather Service River Forecast Center advisories and National Weather Service forecasts. ***The Blackwater River was at 13.0 feet as of 1000 Hours 16 October 2006. A flood warning continues for the Blackwater River, but it is slowly receding and is forecast to continue to fall to below flood stage by midnight 17 October. Widespread rain is expected 17 October with 1 to 2 inches expected before the precipitation ends 18 October. Minor flooding of urban and low lying areas is expected.***

Local Liaison: Initial Damage Assessments continue to be sought from all local communities affected and State Agencies. VDEM Local Support Services Regional Coordinators have been on scene in the City of Franklin assisting the local government. A third Regional Coordinator has joined the team in Franklin.

There have been total of 27 requests from localities for assistance.

Request	Locality	Status
EOC Relief	Franklin City	Completed
Support of Downtown Operation		Completed
911 Public Safety Dispatch x2		Completed
Ventilation Unit		Completed
Bridge Weight Waiver		In-Progress
Writer		Cancelled
Evacuation/ Oil Spill		Completed
Swift Water Rescue		Completed
Firefighters		Completed
Medic		Completed
Staffed Engine Company		Completed
Zodiac Boats		Completed
Evacuation		Completed
Law Enforcement Personnel		Completed
Gators		Completed
Over flight Recon		Completed
Barricades		Completed
ATV's	Surry County	In-progress
Food delivery		Cancelled
Bridge condition assessment		Declined
Evacuation boats	Southampton County	Completed
Water		Completed
Evacuation Assessment		Completed
High Water Rescue	Isle of Wight	Completed
Dam assessment		Completed
Water Testing for VDH – DEQ		In-progress
Message boards – VDOT		In-progress
Jersey barriers – VDOT		In-progress
Environmental Inspection – DEQ		Declined
Ground Sonar Unit		In-progress

EMERGENCY SERVICES BRANCH

Public Safety & Security: *Virginia State Police has pulled out extra trooper support from the area as of 16 October.* VSP Swift Water Rescue Team was released on 12 October. In coordination with DGIF, VSP continuing patrols in flooded areas.

Public Health and Medical Services (ESF-8): Boil Water Notice continues for the Clyde's Dale Mobile Home Park private groundwater system in Isle of Wight County affecting a population of 600. ***The Kingsdale – Mosely BWN has been lifted.*** VDH issued a Drinking Water Advisory for the public groundwater system in Zuni, located in Isle of Wight County. ***Water service has been restored to Zuni residents for cleaning and toilet flushing purposes, but it is not safe for drinking or bathing. Utilities will be collecting bacti samples from the distribution system 16 and 17 October, should the results be negative/non-detectably the Do Not Drink Advisory can be lifted.*** Bottled water is being supplied to these customers until the water system is determined safe for use. VDH will request DEQ to conduct fecal coliform monitoring of Blackwater River due to continuing introduction of raw sewage for the foreseeable future, the request will be put in through the Franklin EOC. VDH will be referring residents to DEQ about their concerns of possible well contamination from petroleum products. VDH will conduct re-entry team worker briefings today in support of business re-entry starting Sunday. VDH is offering Tetanus (if not vaccinated within the last 10 years) at Franklin and Isle of Wight Health Departments for residents of the region and those involved in clean up effort. ***To date VDH has given 508 tetanus shots. There is a flow of sewage from a non-functioning sewage treatment plant. Partial treatment of sewage with a chlorine drip may begin as early as 15 October, if access and safety clearance can be obtained at the plant. On 12 October one sample was tested from the sewage***

treatment plant and there were no reportable levels of pesticides and no evidence of fuel/petroleum contamination.

Hazardous Materials (ESF 10): Hazmat spill has been contained. Remaining fuel has been transferred to another tank. Contractor has started cleanup of spilled product. Two VDEM Regional Hazmat Officers along with members of the Newport News and Portsmouth Regional Hazmat Teams are assisting Franklin City Building Officials with air quality monitoring as necessary operations begin. Air quality readings have worsened over the past 24 hours. Plan to remove 2 sides of walls and use a high ventilation fan truck to remove hazardous gases from Birdsong Peanuts. This will begin around 1200 Hours 13 October and once completed, the peanuts will be removed. ***There are 10 million pounds of shelled peanuts located in the company's cold storage warehouse that require disposal. Removal of peanuts began 15 October and is estimated to take 2 days to complete the removal of all peanuts. FDA arrived on site on 11 October.***

HUMAN SERVICES BRANCH

Mass Care (ESF 6): *The Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center Shelter in the City of Franklin was opened as of 15 October 1830 hours for shelter and feeding. 1 person stayed in the shelter; however they are expecting a potential increase in needs because funding for hotels is coming to an end.*

INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT BRANCH

Transportation (ESF 1): *1 Primary road and 16 secondary roads closed.* Assisting localities with signage and making necessary repairs.

Public Works (ESF 3): *The sewage treatment plant in Franklin at the Blackwater River is non-functioning.*

LONG TERM COMMUNITY RECOVERY AND MITIGATION

Recovery and Mitigation (ESF 14): *PDA Teams sent out 16 October to James City County, City of Poquoson, Isle of Wight County, Southampton County, and the City of Franklin. IDAs received from impacted localities.*

Initial Damage Assessment Report

Jurisdiction	Public *	Private
Accomack County	\$64,700.00	
Amelia County	\$55,000.00	
Buckingham County	\$8,000.00	
Brunswick County	\$23,275.00	
Charles City County	\$27,300.00	
Chesterfield County	\$60,000.00	
Culpeper County	\$2,000.00	
Cumberland County	\$11,000.00	
Dinwiddie County	\$11,300.00	
Franklin, City of	\$2,142,000.00	\$2,635,000.00
Hopewell, City of	\$10,000.00	\$0.00
Isle of Wight County	\$2,468,800.00	\$500,000.00
James City County	\$246,000.00	\$602,355.00
King and Queen County	\$0.00	
Lunenburg County	\$2,700.00	
Mecklenburg County	\$4,105.00	
New Kent County	\$3,100.00	
Norfolk, City of	\$200,000	
Nottoway County	\$3,000.00	
Poquoson, City of	\$39,500.00	\$105,000.00

Prince Edward County	\$13,000.00	
Prince George County	\$15,175.00	\$410,000.00
Richmond, City of	\$0.00	
Southampton County	\$114,100.00	
Surry County	\$1,539,300.00	
Sussex County	\$110,400.00	
York County	\$72,500.00	\$0.00
TOTAL	\$7,246,255.00	\$4,252,355.00
State Agencies		
Department of Conservation and Recreation	\$1,400.00	
Department of Emergency Management	\$100,179.91	
Department of Forestry	\$0	
Department of Game and Inland Fisheries	\$36,000.00	
Virginia Commonwealth University	\$132,000.00	
Virginia State Police	\$60,200.00	
TOTAL	\$329,879.91	
GRAND TOTAL	\$7,576,134.91	\$4,252,355.00

**Includes VDOT estimates*

NOTE: Several areas remain under water and assessments will be made when sites are available.

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

Public Information (ESF 15): Continuing to respond to Media, Public and Legislative inquiries.

LOCAL ACTIVITIES

- Counties of Chesterfield, Goochland, Henrico, Hanover and the cities of Norfolk and Chesapeake are supplying the City of Franklin through Statewide Mutual Aid.
- **City of Franklin – Route 58 Business is closed at the Blackwater River Bridge at International Paper. Approximately 15 houses on Broad Street were declared uninhabitable due to raw sewage inside the building. Business owners and residents were allowed back into downtown Franklin on 15 October at 1300 hours.**
- **Isle of Wight County – Water quality testing should be completed by 17 October for the County. 6 secondary roads are washed out and 1 secondary road is still flooded. Relief organizations are still in the County helping residents pull out carpet, furniture, and drywall in flooded structures.**

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